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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Job Growth in Manufacturing, Construction, Health Care and Professional Sectors

Unadjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin's unemployment rate in July was 4.9% and that job growth continued in key sectors. This is unchanged from the previous month, and the numbers are based on actual, not seasonally adjusted numbers.

"These numbers show that Wisconsin continues to see strong job growth, including the manufacturing industry which has faced significant challenges across the country," Secretary Gassman said. "While we still have more to do, we're making progress and creating new opportunities for people to gain good, family supporting jobs."

The preliminary estimate of total nonfarm employment for July is 2,889,900 jobs. Manufacturing and construction had monthly gains of 2,900 and 2,800 respectively. Manufacturing typically shows a net job loss in July, but this is the third year it has gained jobs in July.

Local government employment declined by 34,000 as teachers began their summer recess. Aside from this category, the state experienced robust private sector job growth with an increase of more than 11,000 jobs.

In June, Wisconsin recorded the biggest May-to-June increase in jobs since 1991, a gain of nearly 67,000.

Compared to July 2005, Wisconsin total nonfarm employment increased by 28,800. Health care and social assistance employment continues to lead with 10,600 more jobs compared to July 2005. Professional and business services, and construction employment, also continue their growth with 7,900 and 5,300 more jobs. Manufacturing gained 1,900 jobs.

While Wisconsin's rate for July remained unchanged, the nation's unadjusted rate stood at 5.0 percent, up two-tenths of a percentage point from June.

Adjusted Data

Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in July. The national seasonally adjusted rate was 4.8 percent in July, up two-tenths from June.

July employment and unemployment figures for individual counties will be available August 23, 2006. This release also is available at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/news.htm>.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. JUL 06	FINAL JUN 06	YEAR AGO JUL 05	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3130.6	3142.4	3090.0	-11.8	40.6
UNEMPLOYMENT	152.0	154.8	142.7	-2.8	9.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.9	4.6	0.0	0.3
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2978.6	2987.6	2947.3	-9.0	31.3
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2889.9	2915.7	2861.1	-25.8	28.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	2512.6	2501.5	2479.4	11.1	33.2
GOODS PRODUCING	667.7	661.9	659.9	5.8	7.8
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4.9	4.8	4.3	0.1	0.6
CONSTRUCTION	145.9	143.1	140.6	2.8	5.3
MANUFACTURING	516.9	514	515	2.9	1.9
Durable Goods	321.6	322.5	321	-0.9	0.6
Nondurable Goods	195.3	191.5	194	3.8	1.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	2222.2	2253.8	2201.2	-31.6	21.0
TRADE	434.4	433.5	438.2	0.9	-3.8
Wholesale Trade	122.3	121.2	120.2	1.1	2.1
Retail Trade	312.1	312.3	318	-0.2	-5.9
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	104.6	107	104.7	-2.4	-0.1
Utilities	11	11.6	11.6	-0.6	-0.6
INFORMATION	48.2	49.1	49.7	-0.9	-1.5
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160.3	160.9	160.1	-0.6	0.2
Finance and Insurance	131	131.8	131	-0.8	0.0
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29.3	29.1	29.1	0.2	0.2
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	273.9	272.3	266	1.6	7.9
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	92.7	92.7	91.5	0.0	1.2
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	41.8	41.7	41.3	0.1	0.5
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139.4	137.9	133.2	1.5	6.2
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	395.7	397	384	-1.3	11.7
Educational Services	46.9	49.2	45.8	-2.3	1.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	348.8	347.8	338.2	1.0	10.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	286.9	280.2	279.7	6.7	7.2
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42.3	41.7	44.8	0.6	-2.5
Accommodation & Food Services	244.6	238.5	234.9	6.1	9.7
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	140.9	139.6	137.1	1.3	3.8
GOVERNMENT	377.3	414.2	381.7	-36.9	-4.4
Federal Government	29.6	29.4	29.4	0.2	0.2
State Government	94.8	97.9	95.6	-3.1	-0.8
Local Government	252.9	286.9	256.7	-34.0	-3.8
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3080.5	3086.7	3043.5	-6.2	37.0
UNEMPLOYMENT	154.4	145.7	145.2	8.7	9.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.0	4.7	4.8	0.3	0.2
EMPLOYMENT	2926.1	2941.0	2898.3	-14.9	27.8

*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information

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